THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. At present, 836 items are reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector.

(b) and (c) As per policy, no medium/ large scale undertakings including multi-national companies are allowed to venture into the manufacture of items reserved for small scale sector except under 75% export obligation. In case, these undertakings had been manufacturing reserved items prior to the date of reservation, they can continue to do so after obtaining a Carry-On-Business (COB) Licence from the Government. Canteen Stores Department of Ministry of Defence procures items from manufacturers/authorised sole selling agents for sale to its clientele on the basis of their requirements, popularity and sales potential. The items are approved for introduction by Board of Administration which comprises senior officers of three services, viz. Army, Navy and Air Force. Besides, the items are introduced only if the same are established in the market. No preference is given to any category of suppliers, viz., Multi-national companies, large, medium, SSI etc.

(d) and (e) Violations of the provisions under the Reservation Policy is punishable udner Section 24 of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951. In case of any violation of the provisions of the Reservation, the concerned administrative Ministry/Department initiates action against the violating firm.

Large scale import of steel from CIS Countries

1709. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of large scale import of steel from CIS countries as a result of lowering down of import duty on steel;

(b) if so, the details of the import of steel during the last six months; and

(c) the steps taken to safeguard the interest of the domestic producers of steel?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) and (b) As per available information, about 4.75 lakh tonnes of steel was imported during April-July, 1996, including 0.25 lakh tonnes from CIS countries. The imports from the CIS countreis mainly comprised of Hot Rolled Coils/Skelp/Strips, Cold Rolled Coils Sheets, Tin Plates, Electrical Sheets and different forms of semi-finished steel.

(c) As per the existing policy, import of steel is freely allowed. However, provision exists in the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 and the rules framed thereunder to investigate cases of dumping and levy an additional customs duty, if it is established that such dumping causes material injury to the domestic industry. The Designated Authority under the aforesaid Act has not, as on 5.12.1996, received any petition for imposition of Anti-Dumping Duties on any steel product.

Request from Gujarat Government for Allocation of 70,000 MTs of wheat

1710. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received from Gujarat State Government any request for the allocation of 70,000 MTs of wheat; and

(b) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC

DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request of the State Government for allotment of 70,000 MTs of wheat was received and duly considered by the Government and allocation of wheat has been increased to 65,000 MTs from 60,000 MTs for January, 1997.

Incentives for establishing new industries in Karnataka

1711. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the incentives provided by the Central Government for establishing industries in Karnataka, both large, medium and small scale industries;

(b) the number of new industrial units started in Karnataka during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 in different sectors;

(c) the total amount given as subsidy to these industries during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97; and

(d) whether it has come to the notice of Government that subsidies are not paid in time and huge amount of subsidies is still not paid, if so the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Under the liberalised industrial policy, the Government of India does not provide financial incentives to establish new industries.

(b) During 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (till the 31st of October, 1996) 203, 201 and 106 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda respectively have been filed and 22, 22 and 42 Letters of Intent respectively have been issued for locating industries in Karnataka.

(c) and (d) In view of (a) do not arise.

Total quantum of foreign direct investment

1712. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the actual total quantum of direct foreign investment flowing into the country during 1995-96 and the first half of 1996-97; and

(b) the industry-wise and State-wise breakdown of these inflows?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The actual total quantum of direct foreign investment flowing into the country are as under:—

Year	*Amount (Rs. in Crs.)*
1995-96	6750.62
1996-97 (first half)	3847.18

The actual inflow of FDI is directly monitored by RBI and the State-wise and Industry-wise breakdown of these inflows are not centrally maintained.

Programmes to popularise the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995

1713. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any ambitious programme to popularise the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 has been launched in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof with background;

(c) whether Government propose to achieve targated achievements with the launching of the said programme;

(d) whether in order to achieve the targets Government propose to issue some strict instructions to the employees of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation to dedicate themselves honestly in this regard;